REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 are allowed.

Oath/Declaration

Applicants respectfully assert that the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 submitted for the present application is not defective. The Rejection states that the Declaration is defective because: (1) it does not identify the mailing or post address of the inventor; and (2) it does not identify the city and state or foreign country of residence of the inventor.

With respect to (1) and (2) Applicants note that the rules specifically state that address and residence information may be provided on an application data sheet (ADS) instead of the declaration. See 37 CFR 1.63(c). An ADS was filed in this case on July 25, 2003 and that ADS listed both the address and country of residence of Farhad K. Moghadam, Michael S. Cox, Padmanabhan Krishnaraj and Thanh N. Pham, the inventors of the present application (a copy of the ADS as filed is attached for the Examiner's convenience). The rules require that the declaration identify each inventor by full name, identify the country of citizenship of each inventor, state that the person making the declaration believes the named inventor(s) are the original or first inventor(s) of the invention, identify the application the declaration is for, state that the person making the declaration has reviewed and understood the contents of the application and state that the person making the declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose material information to the USPTO. Applicants respectfully assert that each of these criteria have been met. Accordingly, acknowledgment of the correctness of the declaration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in one of the claims and does not touch the merits.

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